DEATHS

William W. Ricketson, Sr.

William W. Ricketson, Sr. age 48, Vice-President and Resident Manager of Virginia Fibre Corporation, died suddenly on Monday evening while on a business trip in Augusta, Ga.

Mr. Ricketson joined Virginia Fibre Corporation's Riverville based Paper Mill in October 1975. The company's corporate headquarters are located in New Canaan, Conn.

Mr. Rickets on was born in Cross City, Fla. He graduated from Port St. Joe High School, Port St. Joe Florida and attended the University of Ga..

His career in the paper industry began in 1948 in Port Wentworth, Ga., where he joined Southern Paperboard Corporation (Now Continental Can Co.). His career was interrupted during the Korean conflict when he served for two years in the United States Army Transportation Corps. After Korea he joined the St. Regis Paper Co. in Jacksonville, Fla. in 1952. He worked there until 1960 when he joined Bowater Southern Paper Corporation in Calhoun, Tenn. as Tour Foreman.. In 1961 he advanced to Assistant Paper Mill Supt. In 1963 he joined Great Southern Paper Co. in Cedar Springs, Ga. as Paper Mill Supt. While there he advanced to the position of: General Supt. in 1965; Mill Manager in 1967; Resident Manager in 1972; and Vice-President of Production and General Manager in 1974. He held the latter position until joining Virginia Fibre Corporation in the fall of 1975.

Mr. Ricketson served in various civic and industrial organizations throughout his career. He was a Mason, Shriner and a member of the Methodist Church. He was also a member of the Paper Industry Management Association. Locally he served on the Board of Directors of Fidelity American Bank, Amherst, Virginia, and on the Board of Directors of Central Virginia Industries, Inc.

He is survived by his wife, Catherine, three sons, William, Jr., John and Danny, and a grandson, William, III. His wife, William and Danny reside in Amherst County and John resides in Augusta, Georgia.

Charlie Rosser

RUSTBURG - Charlie Rosser of Rustburg departed this life Thursday, November 23, 1976, at Lynchburg General Hospital.

Born in Campbell County, he was the son of the late Margie Rosser Wynn. His wife was the late Mrs. Bernice Rosser.

He is survived by three daughters, Mrs. Alice Elliott and Mrs. Charlotte Davis, both of Rustburg, and Miss Joyce Rosser of Alexandria; one brother, Fletcher Rosser of Rustburg; two sisters, Mrs. Hattie Mae Haskins of Rustburg and Mrs. Mazie Ferguson of Appomattox; 13 grandchildren; one great-grandchild, and a host of other relatives and friends.

Community Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Samuel H. Dickerson

Samuel Howard (Dick) Dickerson, 64, of 1208 Tilden Ave., Lynchburg, Va., died at 6:20 a.m. Friday in the Veterans Administration Hospital in Salem.

Born in Appomattox County, he was a son of Mary Martin Dickerson of Lynchburg and the late Samuel Henry Dickerson.

He was the husband of the late Nellie Simms Dickerson. Former owner of Park Avenue Flower Shop and Dickerson's Florist, he was a veteran of World War II.

In addition to his mother, he is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Susan Brent of Lynchburg and Mrs. Bonnie Creasy of Richmond, a sister, Mrs. Louise Jordan of Bedford County and four grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted at 3 p.m. Monday from Whitten Timberlake Chapel. Interment was in Spring Hill Cemetery.

Safety Sense

SAFETY CHECK YOUR WINDSHIELD WASHER

Visibility is crucial to driving safety. But, of all the safety items on an automobile, probably the most overlooked is the windshield washer system. Few persons realize it needs periodic maintenance to assure it will be working when needed. Experts at ANCO, the nation's leading manufacturer of wiper blades and other windshield cleaning items, offer the following tips for maintaining your windshield washer system.

To begin, check the fluid level in the reservoir. If it's low, replace it with a bug-removing solvent in the summer, or an antifreeze solvent in the winter.

Check the aim of the spray to make sure it covers the area being cleaned. If the spray is too high, or too low, carefully bend the spray nozzles into proper position.

Sometimes there may be no spray at all because the fluid hoses are clogged. Check the hoses by removing them from the ends of the spray nozzles, or trace them to the windshield washer pump and pull them off the ends of the pump. Then try to blow through

them. If the air can't get through, try to free the clog by pushing a thin wire through the ends. Reinstall the hoses if this works; if not, replace them.

If the hoses aren't clogged, the problem is probably a defective washer pump. Remove and replace with a new one. To remove, pull out the electrical plug, disconnect the water hoses and unbolt the pump from the car.

Install the new pump following the manufacturer's instructions.

A clean windshield is important to your safety behind the wheel. Take a few minutes to inspect your windshield washer system to see if it needs preventive maintenance. These simple precautions could prevent a serious accident.

OAKVILLE

Mrs. Gladys Carson, Mrs. Susie Carter, Mr. and Mrs. RayPage and Mrs. Marshall Martin were supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Wilkerson Sunday night.

Mrs. Marshall Martin spent Sunday and Sunday night with Mr. and Mrs. Ray Page.

Mr. and Mrs. Aubrey Moore had as their dinner guest for Thanksgiving Mr. and Mrs. Richard Nash, Mr. and Mrs. Donnie Moore, Kevin, Audrey, Nicole and Dana.

Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Martin, Jr. guests for Thanksgiving dinner were Mr. Richard Martin, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Richardson, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Smith, Michael and Todd, Mr. and Mrs. Clark Lewis, Mr. Ricky Lewis and Mr. William Richardson.

Dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Marshall Thursday were Mr. and Mrs. W. Clarke Moore, Miss Kathy Marshall, Miss Rita Ferguson and Mr. Douglas Marshall.

Thanksgiving Day dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Garland Burcher were Mr. Lewis Moore, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Walker Moore, Le, Mrs. Jessie Campbell, Teresa, Tod, Cheryl Chestham and Mr. Mark Grimsley and Mr. Dwayne Hogan.

Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Jordan, Karen and Kay, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Weston, Janet, Mr. and Mrs. Beryl Covington, Mark, Walker, Marjorie Mae, Eva Moore and Curtis Moore.

Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Hunter had as their guests Thursday Mr. Louis Moore, Mrs. L. K. Bussey, Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Moses, Mr. C. T. Moses, III, and Mrs. M. W. Drinkard.

Mrs. W. Clarke Moore was pleasantly surprised by a visit of Mrs. L. K. Bussey, Mrs. M. W. Drinkard and Mrs. Garland Burcher Saturday a.m.

An inspiring Thanksgiving program was given at Mt. Comfort Church on November 22nd under the direction of Mrs. Claude Allen Moore.

Mr. Walker Covington of William & Mary College spent the holidays at home with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Beryl Covington.

Mr. and Mrs. Beryl Covington, Marjorie Mae and Mr. Walker Covington visited Mrs. Iva Mae Covington Saturday night.

Miss Kathy Marshall, of Madison University, spent the Thanksgiving holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Marshall.

Mrs. M. W. Drinkard, Mrs. H. B. Smith, Mrs. L. K. Bussey visited Mrs. Reggie Moore at Mrs. Ruby Carson Saturday and reported them in good spirits.

Mrs. M. W. Drinkard and Mrs. Marshall Hunter visited Mr. and Mrs. Gibbs Martin and Mr. and Mrs. Len Martin and found them improving.

Chestnut Grove

Thursday visitors of Mr. and Mrs. K. M. Beasley Jr. were Mr. and Mrs. William Walton and children of Cherew, S. C. Mrs. Elaine Carson and Robin and Katherine Carson of Spout Spring.

Mrs. T. N. Saul spent Thanksgiving holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Billy Saul at Piney Point, Md.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Metcalfe, Bobby and Mary Ann of Virginia Beach, Charles Wayne Cook of Richmond, spent the Thanksgiving holidays with Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Cook. Thursday dinner guests beside the above were Mr. and Mrs. William L. Carter and Mike of Burkeville; Edward T. Cook and Kenneth Cook of Prospect.

Mrs. Molly Manis and Glen of Sevierville, Tenn. were visitors last week in the home off Mr. and Mrs. Joe L. Harris. They also visited Mr. and Mrs. Russell L. Harris on Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Meek and family of Virginia Beach spent Thanksgiving with Mr. and Mrs. Charles T. Forbes.

Mr. and Mrs. Luke West of Sevierville, Tenn. were visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joe L. Harris last week.

Harvey Senger of Mt. Solon spent a part of last week with Mr. and Mrs. Bill Senger.

Visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. Henson Morris during the holidays were Mr. and Mrs. Walter Simon of Holland; Mrs. Frank Sheppard of Washington, D C.

Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Joe L. Harris were Mr. and Mrs. Pete F. Harris; Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Harris and Aaron; Mr. and Mrs. Russell L. Harris all of Appomattox; Mr. and Mrs. Kline Hill and children of Richmond; Mr. and Mrs. Russell Smith of Freedom, Pa. Karen and Faye Harris of Lynchburg.

Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Beasley of Roanoke visited their parents during the Thanksgiving holidays. Mr. and Mrs. K. M. Beasley, Sr. and Mr. and Mrs. Kelly Branch of Buckingham.

Visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. Henson Morris Friday were Mr. Jack Morris of Richmond and his son, John C. Morris of Boston, Mass.

Ethel Proffitt of Ferrum spent Thanksgiving with her parents Mr. and Mrs. V. C. Proffitt; Sand Mrs. H. W. Wheeling of Richmond were Thursday dinner guests.

The neighborhood hunters and their families enjoyed their annual picnic with barbecue deer and ham at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Glover Saturday at Hixburg.

Thursday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Aubrey N. Morris were Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Morris and Mr. and Mrs. John Waycaster and family; Charles Morris and Nancy Wilson.

Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Taylor and family and Jill Simon all of Holland spent the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Roger Morris.

Mrs. Ruth Beasley had all of her children, grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren with her for Thanksgiving.

Visitors during the holiday weekend of Mr. and Mrs. Calvin W. Morris were Mr. and Mrs. Billy Morris and Rodney and Linda Morris all of Richmond, Mrs. Lucy Glover and Mrs. Kermit Cook both of Chesterfield Mr. and Mrs. Robert Glover of Lynchburg. Mrs. Lucy Glover is spending thie week with Mr. and Mrs. Robert Glover at Lynchburg

Food Safety For The Holidays And All Year

BLACKSBURG -- Don't let the joyous holiday atmosphere interfere with food safety precautions, warned a Virginia Tech Extension specialist in food technology, F. William Cooler.

Food poisoning is a possibility and cooks always should take some simple precautions against it. Here are some common sense rules.

Do not purchase bulging, leaking, damaged cans at the market. Discard cracked jars or those with loose lids. Never use, or even taste, the contents of any food can that spurts liquid when opened. These are danger signs of possible contamination.

When shopping in the market, select meat, dairy products and frozen food last, and don't let them sit in a warm car while other errands are run. Return home quickly and put the food into the refrigerator as soon as possible to prevent growth of harmful bacteria.

Keep the refrigerator at 40 degrees Fahrenheit or below. Do not store fresh meats longer than five days in the refrigerator; cured whole hams and bacon will keep longer. About two days is the maximum that poultry, fish or ground meat should be refrigerated for best quality.

Refrigerate leftover foods immediately after eating or cooking. Leaving food at room temperature for more than two hours (including preparation time) allows bacteria to multiply rapidly. Don't let food cool below 45 degrees Fahrenheit before putting it into the refrigerator. Put it away immediately. Refrigerating hot foods does not cause them to spoil contrary to some "old wives tales."

Sometimes food can look good, taste good and even smell good, but still be contaminated and cause food-borne illness, the specialist cautioned.

Wash hands before cooking. Keep hands away from face and hair. Handle foods such as hot dogs and lunch meats with a kitchen utensil, not with fingers since hands carry more germs than a clean utensil.

Don't use the cooking utensil to taste food. For those cooks who must sample the food, Cooler recommended they use a clean eating utensil each time. Don't put the spoon used for tasting into the food again. Get a clean one for each taste.

Wash cooking utensils and surfaces thoroughly.

It is important to clean and sanitize pots, cutting boards and knives used for raw foods before using them for cooked foods. Don't store cooked foods close beside raw foods. This prevents cross-contamination between the two.

Keep pets out of the kitchen.

The Virginia Tech faculty member also listed some specific suggestions about individual foods.

Cook and store giblets separately.

Stuffing fowl prolongs cooking time, but if the cook is determined to stuff the fowl, do so just before roasting. Be sure the stuffed fowl is cooked thoroughly. It must reach an internal temperature of 185 degree Fahrenheit. Use a thermometer.

Refrigerate stuffing and fowl in separate dishes.

Do not use dirty, cracked or soiled eggs in raw egg dishes such as eggnog.

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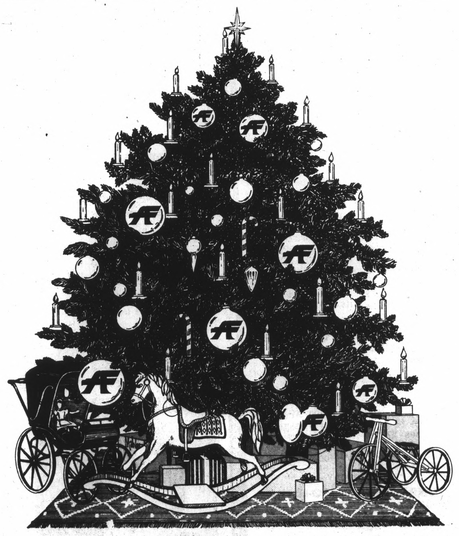

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FFA ELECTS 1978 SWEETHEART

Dee Ann Wooten was crowned the Appomattox Senior FFA Chapter's Sweetheart at the annual Sweetheart Dance held November 22nd at the high school. Dee Ann, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Wooten, was selected from an initial field of 12 candidates. She was escorted by FFA Vice-President Donald Parris and was crowned by 1977 Sweetheart Nancy Stratton.

Shown above are the new sweetheart and her court: (l to r) Jayne Doss, escort Kenny Burks, former Sweetheart Nancy Stratton and escort Tony Ferguson, Dee Ann Wooten and escort Donald Parris, Phil Paulette escorting Sue Lawson, and David Stratton escorting Lisa Wenning.

Orientation Program Given

On Monday, November 20, at the Farmer's National Bank, Triangle Plaza Branch, the Membership Committee of the Appomattox Junior Woman's Club presented an orientation program for the prospective new members.

The program helped to familiarize the prospective members with the club's organization, purpose and structure from the National to the local club membership. The civic and philanthropic projects as well as the qualifications and responsibilities of membership were also discussed.

Mrs. Cindy Ranson, Chairman; Mrs. Debbie Williams and Mrs. Mary Jaggers of the Membership Committee, were assisted in presenting the program by Mrs. William Chenault, Senior Advisor; Mrs. Jim Nolen, Alice Kyle District 2nd Vice President. Mrs. Carolyn Thompson, club president; and Mrs. Evelyn Ford, First Vice President of the A.J.W.C., also presented information about the club.

Shown in photo above, left to right, are Mrs. Jim Nolen, Mrs. Carolyn Thompson, three prospective new members, Peggie Simpson, Gail Thompson and Janette Spahr; and Mrs. William Chenault.

Gets Big Buck

Thomas Cawthorne of Route 4, Appomattox is shown with a deer he killed in the Beckham community on Wednesday, November 22.

This deer has been chased for several years by members of the Chestnut Mountain Hunting Club. John Moore's black German Shepherd dog was chasing the deer. This dog runs deer and leads a pack of hounds. The deer is one of many that this German Shephard dog has been responsible for killing.

Rocks

November 27 Hunting season opened on Monday for me, etc. Lloyd Richardson got a big gobbler. Darrell Roach got a 4 pt. deer. They were quite lucky.

Twelve WMU members attended the Group I Mission Study Class at Elon Church on last Monday night.

Estelle Garrett started her treatments in Lynchburg last Tuesday. Hope she will have a very speedy recovery.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Bryant "are all smiles." It's a 10 lb. girl, Kimberly Dawn born at Virginia Baptist Hospital on Novymber 17.

Mr. and Mrs. Sammy Martin and Bob left Thursday for the Burley tobacco market in Johnson City, Tennessee. They returned Saturday night.

A number were out on Tuesday afternoon delivering Thanksgiving baskets to the senior citizens in our community and around.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Samuel Martin attended the graduation exercises for the Seventh Basic Training Academy on Friday evening at Wintergreen, Virginia. Glenn was among the numerous recieved diplomas. The school started on August 14 and ended on November 17.

Mrs. W. H. Elder is on the sick list. A speedy recovery is wished her.

Congratulations to Mrs. Joan Routt who received the birthday cake over WTIX on Wednesday.

Our sympathy is extended Mrs. Mary Dickerson of Lynchburg in the loss of her son Howard who died in a Roanoke hospital Friday after a long illness.

Mrs. Jim Taylor and sons arrived Saturday from Davenport, Iowa to join the former's husband here in Lynchburg where they will live.

The farmers put some dark tobacco on the market Saturday for the market opening on Tuesday.

Wednesday.

The party for the Bible readers who are reading the Bible through this year is planned after the evening services on December 3.

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previous year. The 62.4 per cent decrease is largely attributable to increased costs and lower margins, said James.

James also reported that the merger of Southern States Grain Marketing Cooperative, Inc., into Southern States Cooperative had been completed. Volume handled was 18,700,000 bushels with a dollar value of $56,100,000. Net savings total $164,000, enabling the payment of a .8 cent per bushel refund.

Armstrong pointed out that the dollar volume, representing farmer - member purchases of supplies and services, was the largest in history.

He told delegates the cooperative's net worth totaled $87,000,000, an increase of $7,500,000 over the year before. Working capital dollars - - - the excess of current assets over current liabilities - - totaled $57,500,000, an increase of $3,200,000 over the previous year.

Tuesday.

Raymond Moore and daughter, Melinda of New York spent Thanksgiving holiday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Moore and her grandparents. They left Sunday morning for New York.

The pot luck supper and worship service at Rocks Wednesday night was a big success.

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"R" Value Beats Inches

BLACKSBURG - "Inches just don't add up when it comes to evaluating home insulation," a Virginia Tech Extension specialist, said.

The thickness of materials can be very misleading, noted Harold A. Hughes, Extension specialist in agricultural engineering. Many materials -- concrete for example -- are extremely poor insulating materials, although they can store a lot of heat.

The same thing is true for insulation. An inch of one kind of insulation may be just as effective as two inches of another kind.

When selecting insulation or determining if more is needed, homeowners should look beyond the thickness of the insulation and investigate the "R" value, Hughes suggested.

"The 'R' stands for resistance to heat flow, and the higher the 'R' value, the more effective the insulation will be," the specialist said.

"The buyer of insulation can compare different products by simply dividing the "R" value of one insulation into the "R" value of another. For example, most mineral wool has an "R" value of 3.70, which should be stated on the label. An inch of vermiculite, on the other hand, might have an "R" value of 2.27. By dividing 2.27 into 3.70, one finds that the inch of mineral wool is over 1.6 times as effective as vermiculite.

The "R" value of insulation also provides a good cost comparison between types of insulation. When purchasing insulation, Hughes recommended comparing costs based on the "R" value and the amount of coverage obtained, not just the thickness.

"As an example, suppose that a roll of insulation which covers 70 square feet costs $9 and has an 'R' value of 11. Dividing the cost by the area will give you how much it costs to cover one square foot for the 'R' value obtained," he said.

"The calculation will help consumers to select the most economical material, but "remember that labor and other installation costs also will influence the price," he noted.

The specialist added that it is often difficult to determine how much more insulation is needed in an existing home if the "R" value of the current insulation is unknown.

"But, if you know what kind of insulation it is and how much 'R' value that insulation usually provides, you can estimate what is needed," the Tech faculty member said.

The recommended "R" value for ceilings in Virginia is a minimum of 19 and a maximum of 35; for walls, the "R" value should be 11 to 22; while an "R" of 13 is suggested for floors.

Furnace Upkeep Refected In Bills

BLACKSBURG - One way to hold down heating costs this winter is to make certain the household furnace is properly maintained, a Virginia Tech faculty member advised.

Without attention, furnaces will have to work harder and use more fuel, William H. Washburn, Virginia Tech Extension specialist in mechanical engineering, said.

"Heating systems should be given routine maintenance every year to keep them running efficiently," he added. "Ask a service representative to show you how to change the air filter. New filters should be checked once a month during the heating season," he said.

A service representative also can help check the system for additional items needing attention. For example, seal air leaks in the ductwork and insulate all ducts exposed to cold attics, crawl spaces or garages, Mashburn suggested.

Hot air ducts need up to six inches of insulation if exposed to outdoor temperatures, he said. But, make certain that insulating the ducts will not allow plumbing to freeze, since heat escaping from ducts and pipes often helps heat the basement. In homes with hot water or steam heat, all pipes in unheated areas should be well insulated.

Heating systems should be safe and suitable for individual home needs, the specialist said.

Before purchasing one of the several devices on the market to help save energy,he advised checking with a local Virginia Extension agent, utility company or reputable heating contractor.

"Some surge suppressors are being marketed to Virginia homeowners which are absolutely of no use in conserving energy," Mashburn warned.

The specialist advised extreme caution when fuel additives are being considered for use in conserving energy.

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